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SECRET SIZE-UP of Russia's power and**plans is in full swing.**

It's all hush hush. The National Security Council has set up a top level task force to make a new appraisal of the Red menace. Among its members: Joint Chiefs boss Radford, Intelligence Chief Allen Dulles, Defense Mobilizer Arthur Flemming, and J. Edgar Hoover.

Higher defense spending next year could result if the N.S.C. gets a gloomy report. Officials insist they can't foresee any "dramatic" spending boost. Less drastic cuts than planned for the long run are more likely. Defense costs will dip this fiscal year to about \$36 billion, however the N.S.C. survey turns out.

Bigger spending advocates will have to out-talk the Cabinet's strong man, Treasury Secretary George Humphrey. He feels the U. S. can weaken itself by spending too much money.